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CAMBODIA: Is It This Generation's Holocaust?

By John Dash

Since the tragedy of starvations in Cambodia has been brought to the public's attention, diocesans have been rallying to an extraordinary degree, Father Joseph Reinhart said late last week.

Father Reinhart is head of the diocesan Missions Office, the downtown storefront collection point for funds for Cambodian Relief.

In the press of recent events as the world attempts to assist the estimated 2 million facing starvation in the war devastated nation, President Jimmy Carter has increased U.S. commitment to Cambodian relief efforts by \$32 million, bringing this nation's total response to nearly \$70 million; Secretary of State Cyrus Vance this week is negotiating with Cambodian government officials to open the borders for direct U.S. food aid; massive food distribution under the egis of Catholic

How to Help

Individuals and parishes responding to the tragedy in Cambodia have been asked to send funds to:

**Cambodian Relief
123 East Ave.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604**

Money will be used by Catholic Relief Services to provide food in Cambodia. Locally, the collection is a joint project of the diocesan Missions Office and the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission.

Relief Service is continuing on Cambodia's borders, with food convoys poised to enter the country once the borders are open; at least five ships loaded with food are reported in Cambodian waters.

It is estimated by U.N. officials that 900 tons of food per day will be needed over the next six months. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has called the situation "a national tragedy, the proportion of which may have no parallel in history."

Late last week, Secretary Vance stated: "The international community is ready to respond, the relief supplies and means of delivery are available, I can think of no issue now before the world community; and before every single nation, that can lay a greater claim to our concern and to our action."

President Carter, in announcing the additional

Bishop Asks Special Response

My dear People:

In recent weeks the media have reminded us again and again of the vast human tragedy taking place in Cambodia. Half the population of that war-torn country has been lost during the last several years. Now because of political, military and economic problems many of the survivors face imminent starvation.

The world community has begun to mobilize in response. The United States has outlined a \$70 million emergency relief program. President Carter has appealed to churches and religious organizations asking us to be a part of this undertaking.

For some weeks now Catholic Relief Services have been providing assistance to Cambodian refugees along the border with Thailand and has been organizing food convoys into Cambodia, itself. It is essential that this humanitarian effort continue and increase.

I am writing to you through the Courier, therefore, to request some special response from each parish and from everyone of you. I know that many parishes have already taken steps to respond to this overwhelming need. Father Joseph Reinhart of the Missions Office will send out all proceeds to Catholic Relief Services who will provide food, medicine and

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U.S. aid for Cambodia, was responding to a plea from religious and charitable groups. Father Theodore Hesburg, CSC, board chairman of the Overseas Development Council, led the delegation that met with President Carter.

In the Diocese of Rochester, the campaign has received the official endorsement of Bishop Matthew H. Clark, in a letter published in the Courier-Journal.

In his letter, Bishop Clark requests "some special response from each parish and from everyone of you."

Related Issues

An editorial on the situation in Cambodia is on Page Four. On page three: Eyewitness account of tragedy; two parishes sponsor Laotian families; a brief listing of dates in Cambodia's history.

REGIONALISM

New Focus:

By Michael Groden

In addition to the five newly named regional coordinators comes a clearer vision of the coordinator's ministerial role in the diocese, according to Father Douglas Hoffman.

Father Hoffman, director of the office of Pastoral Ministry, explained that during a recent meeting with all 11 coordinators Bishop Matthew Clark outlined briefly his views on the coordinator's duties.

Bishop Clark said that coordinators should work in simple a manner as possible. They should be able to respond to particular and immediate needs or problems in a region by utilizing existing personnel and organizations rather than setting up new committees or groups.

Bishop Clark also urged coordinators to seek ways to deal with regional programs

that best fit their particular areas. If, for example, the region is predominantly rural or parishes are widely spread out, regional ministry should reflect that, Father Hoffman said. He said that this new outlook toward regionalism would help the coordinator perform his job more effectively.

"The success of a region is no longer solely up to the coordinator," Father Hoffman said. The ministry must now be undertaken by all people in the region involved in church leadership.

Father Hoffman describes the coordinator's role as a practical one. He is made aware of a need or problem in his region and then acts by contacting those people who have been trained to deal with it. He is not supposed to solve the problem by himself, but rather "coordinate" people and agencies.

Father Hoffman also feels that there has been some confusion between the role of

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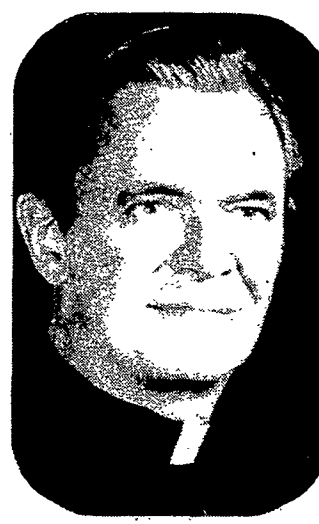
Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, is the new regional coordinator for the Northwest Region, Monroe County.

Four other regions have new coordinators, the Pastoral Office announced last week. Serving the Northeast Region will be Father Stephen Kraus, associate pastor of St. Joseph's, Penfield. Named for the North Region was Father Ronald Stacy, associate at St. Stanislaus Parish.

In the Chemung-Schuyler Region, the coordinator is Father Paul McCabe, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira. Father Michael Hogan, pastor of St. Mary's, Corning, will have the Steuben Region, which lately was detached from Livingston.



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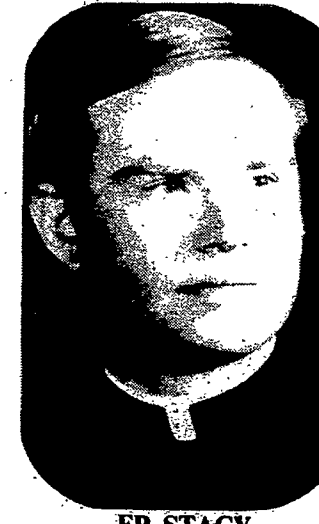
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